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JUNE 3 – 7:

Hoosier Quest

*Saturday and Sunday,
from 11:00 am - 11:30 am*

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Scouts and other groups,

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Wednesday, June 3, 2009

1:30 pm Our Masked Bandit

Meet at *TrailEnd Shelter* to join Naturalist Kate as she takes introduces you to the Masked Bandit that roams the campgrounds!

7:30 pm Life in a Box

This little critter spends his whole life living in a box he carries on his back. Come to *Rustic Oak Shelter* to find out more about the eastern box turtle and the conservation efforts being made to prevent the further decline of this population.

Thursday, June 4, 2009

1:30 pm Howl at the Moon

Have you heard yipping and howling late at night and wondered what animal was making all that noise? Join Naturalist Kate at the *Campview Shelter* to find out more about the coyote!

7:30 pm Happenin' Herons

These majestic birds grace the shores of Ouabache's Kunkel Lake. Come to *Lakeside Shelter* to learn more about the herons found here.

Friday, June 5, 2009

1:30 pm Plant's Anatomy

Join the drama at *Trails End Shelter* as we learn what makes a plant tick.

7:30 pm Fish of Kunkel Lake

Indiana's Free Fishing weekend starts tomorrow. Get ready by learning about some of the fish you might catch this weekend. Meet at *Lakeside Shelter*.

Saturday, June 6, 2009

9:00 am Youth Fishing Derby Registration Begins

Kids ages 2 – 15 - get in line at the *Boat House* early to register to be a part of the Youth Fishing Derby. Please bring your own pole. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

9:15 am – 10:30 am Youth Fishing Derby

Grab your pole and start fishing for the big one! Prizes will be awarded for the biggest, smallest, and most fish caught in each of the three age classes! This event was co-sponsored by the Bluffton Optimists Club. Bug spray and sunscreen are recommended.

1:45 pm Pool Break Creature Feature

Join Naturalist Kate on the *pool lawn* to try your hand at fish printing during the pool's safety check. Bring a light colored t-shirt or you can make one on paper. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Fabulous Frogs

Meet at the *Boat House* for a stroll around the lake to learn about the fab frogs we have here at Ouabache State Park.

Sunday, June 7 2009

9:30 am Worship Services

Join us at *Campview Shelter* for an inspirational service in the beauty of nature.

1:45 pm Pool Break Quickie Craft

Come out to the *pool lawn* to decorate a fish to take home during today's pool safety check. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

COMING SOON!

June 20 – 21: Rendezvous on the Ouabache

July 4: Natural Beauty Art Show

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JUNE 10 – 14:

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Wednesday, June 10, 2009

1:45 pm Floral Art

Meet on the *Pool Lawn* to join Naturalist Kate in creating some beautiful artwork with flowers. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Our Flying Jewels

Everyone loves the butterfly. Learn more about these beauties at the *Lakeside Shelter*.

Thursday, June 11, 2009

1:45 pm Wolfies

These creepy crawlies can be found all over the park. Learn more about wolf spiders during the pool's safety check on the *pool lawn*. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Invasion of the Plants

Head for the hills – an invasion has begun. Learn more about those pesky invasive plant species you can find in Indiana and learn what you can do to stop the invasion. Meet at *Rustic Oak Shelter*.

Friday, June 12, 2009

1:45 pm Beautiful Blues

These darling birds face some big challenges. Learn about the bluebird during the pool's safety check on the *pool lawn*. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Roving Interpreter

Be on the lookout for Naturalist Kate as she tours the Campground. She'll have something cool for you to check out!

Saturday, June 13, 2009

9:30 am Talkin' Turtles

We'll take a short stroll around the Lake beginning at the *Boat House* while looking and chatting about turtles. Tennis shoes, sunscreen and bug spray are recommended.

1:45 pm Pool Break Creature Feature

Join Naturalist Kate on the *pool lawn* to check out a cool skull. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Campfire Story

Meet at the *Campview Shelter* to hear the story of Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back by Joseph Bruchac and Jonathan London around a crackling campfire. We'll be creating our own calendars after the story.

Sunday, June 14, 2009

9:30 am Worship Services

Join us at *Campview Shelter* for an inspirational service in the beauty of nature.

1:45 pm Pool Break Quickie Craft

Come out to the *pool lawn* to create an origami tadpole. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

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Wednesday, June 17, 2009

1:45 pm Box Craft

Meet on the *Pool Lawn* to join Naturalist Kate in creating a box turtle of your very own to take home. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Life with Ice

Glaciers made a lasting impact on Northern Indiana. Learn more about the ice age in Indiana at the *Trails End Shelter*.

Thursday, June 18, 2009

1:45 pm Terrific Trees

Do you know just how important trees are to life on the planet? Find out during the pool's safety check on the *pool lawn*. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Life in the CCC

The CCC created Ouabache State Park, as well as many other parks in Indiana. Learn about life in the CCC by meeting at *Rustic Oak Shelter*.

Friday, June 19, 2009

1:45 pm Native American Story

Get ready for the RENDEZVOUS ON THE OUABACHE by listening to a Native American story during the pool's safety check on the *pool lawn*. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

8:00 pm Covered Wagon Conversation

The Rendezvous reenactors will take you back in time. Learn from these knowledgeable individuals about this important time in the expansion of the United States. Meet in the field across from the Fire Tower. Bring a chair and bug spray.

Saturday, June 20, 2009

9:30 am Native Americans and the Bison

Meet at the small shelter in front of the *Wildlife Exhibit* to learn about Bison and their importance to Native Americans.

1:45 pm Pool Break – Tug of War

Join Naturalist Kate on the *pool lawn* for a favorite frontier game – tug of war! Prizes for the winners! Swimmers, make sure

to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Dolls of the Frontier

Toys on the frontier were often homemade. Learn about dolls and their history, and then learn how to create your own doll by meeting at the small shelter in front of the *Wildlife Exhibit* to hear learn more about medicinal plants.

Sunday, June 21, 2009

9:30 am Worship Services

Join us at *Campview Shelter* for an inspirational service in the beauty of nature.

1:00 pm Medical Plants

There was no Ibuprofen on frontier; instead you had to know what plants made good medicines. Meet at the small shelter in front of the *Wildlife Exhibit* to hear learn more about medicinal plants.

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Wednesday, June 24, 2009

1:45 pm Rap with Raptors

Meet on the *Pool Lawn* learn about the mavericks of our skies. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Wildflower Hunt

Join Naturalist Kate on a hunt for the wildflowers of the season. Learn how to use a guide book and what traits to look at for identification. Meet at *the Lodge Recreational Building*. Tennis shoes, sunscreen and bug spray recommended.

Thursday, June 25, 2009

1:45 pm Music Talk

If you're planning on being at tonight's concert, you'll want to brush up on your musical knowledge beforehand. During the pool's safety check, we'll be learning about the instruments you'll be seeing tonight on the *pool lawn*. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:00 pm Patriotic Pops Concert

Don't miss this big event! The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will be entertaining us with patriotic music to get us ready for the fourth of July holiday. The concert will be held on the large hill located next to the pool. Don't forget a chair, sun screen and some bug spray!

Friday, June 26, 2009

1:45 pm Nature's Ninja

Meet Naturalist Kate's favorite insect today during the pool's safety check on the *pool lawn*. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Roving Interpreter

Be on the look out for Naturalist Kate and her special canine friend, Hitch as they wander the campground. Kate and Hitch will be showing you some ways to make your canine friend more comfortable during their stay at Ouabache State Park.

Saturday, June 27, 2009

9:30 am Dragons and Damels

These awesome insects provide us with great pest control. Learn about them during a stroll around the Lake. Meet at the *Boat House*. Tennis shoes, sunscreen and bug spray are recommended.

1:45 pm Pool Break – Cool Craft

Join Naturalist Kate on the *pool lawn* to create your own Dragonfly creation. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

7:30 pm Going Batty

Are you afraid of Bats? Learn why you should love these small, flying mammals by meeting at *Lakeside Shelter*.

Sunday, June 28, 2009

9:30 am Worship Services

Join us at *Campview Shelter* for an inspirational service in the beauty of nature.

1:45 pm Pool Break – Creature Feature

Join Naturalist Kate on the *pool lawn* to get a close up look at an insect. Swimmers, make sure to get your hand stamped before you leave the bath house, so you may re-enter the pool!

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